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DOCKET MM 99-25 (a.k.a. RM-9208 & RM-9242)

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed low-power FM radio service (LPFM), Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) Docket MM 99-25. The 1996 Telecommunications Act has had far reaching effects on the radio industry. By the end of 1997 over 4,000 of the country's 11,000 radio stations were sold and in the 50 largest markets only three firms controlled over 50% of the ad revenue. Radio today is controlled by conglomerates that are concerned not with maintaining diversity but instead with increasing profits.

LPFM will serve local communities in ways that it is not possible in commercial radio, such as providing a forum for local music, and educational and community voices to be heard. I believe it is important to support local and noncommercial radio interests because it is becoming increasing hard to survive amidst big business radio.

In particular I support LPFM as an educational forum for universities and other such institutions unable broadcast at a regular FM frequency. As a university student, I personally would benefit from the potential of LPFM radio.

It is increasing hard to make it in the music industry and non-commercial music is harder to find today than ever. Unless, as a nation, we support non-commercial and local music in the way of fostering true diversity through media such as LPFM it will continue to become rarer until diversity no longer exists. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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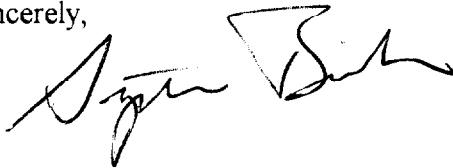
To the FCC (Regarding NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & # 95-25):

I urge you to adopt rules for licensing low power FM radio that prioritize the needs of under-served and under-financed communities. Your office has the power and the mandate to ensure that ordinary people can claim a piece of the pie that big corporations dominate and control. I am confident you agree that broad citizen access to information and culture is at the heart of a democratic society.

To support this vision, new low power FM regulations must include the following features:

1. Completely non-commercial service.
2. Locally owned, "one-per-customer" licensing.
3. Primarily local programming.
4. A quick, easy, and affordable application process.
5. A single class of low power stations broadcasting at less than or equal to 100 watts in urban areas and 250 watts in rural areas.
6. No secondary status for low power stations (ensuring that LPFM stations won't get bumped from their assigned frequency by high-powered, better-financed stations).
7. Amnesty and return of property for microbroadcasters who suffered government seizure of property and fines. These pioneers put this issue on the table and should be prioritized for new licenses.
8. Low power FM must be included in the future of digital radio.
9. Problems of any nature should be referred to the local, voluntary microradio organization for assistance or mediation (e.g., the Ham radio model). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
10. If the FCC intends to license commercial low power FM stations, they should be given secondary status. Non-commercial stations should be prioritized and given a 2 year "headstart."

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ACTION ALERT

Radio for All!!! Speak Up Now!!!

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS JUNE 1, 1999

(The FCC will accept comments after this date, but it is important to send as many comments as possible by this initial deadline)

Dear Supporter of Democratic Media:

By banning low power FM radio (LPFM) for the past 21 years, the FCC has disregarded their statutory obligation "to generally encourage the larger and more effective use of radio in the public interest." Due to public pressure and the efforts of microbroadcasters nationwide, the FCC has been forced to reconsider opening the FM dial to low power broadcasters.

If, however, the FCC allows commercial LPFM and the auction of licenses, under-served and under-represented community groups and their neighborhoods will lose miserably to other interests with deeper pockets. Democracy needs more non-commercial spaces, not more concession stands for the powerful.

Public outcry for non-commercial low power radio may be the only way to claim this potential victory. The FCC is taking comments on their proposal for new LPFM regulations until June 1st. This is a rare opportunity to pro-actively influence the status of our publicly-owned airwaves.

What You Can Do:

- Write or email the FCC demanding legalization of non-commercial, community-based LPFM (The address is on the back of this page; be sure to reference your comments to: NPRM # FCC 99-6, MM Docket # 99-25 & # 95-25).
- Sign and send in the letter on the back of this page
- Join the growing list of community groups and civic organizations who are endorsing our "formal" presentation to the FCC in June. Contact CPR and add your voice to those of the National Lawyers' Guild, FAIR, the California Green Party, and many others.
- Spread the word! We need your input and energy to educate others about the necessity for truly democratic media.
- Please contact CPR for more information. Phone: 206-329-6116
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RE: MM Docket 99-25 (Low Power FM Service)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Northwestern College (NWC) submits these Comments in response to the Commission's proposal to establish a new low power FM radio service (LPFM) as set forth in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 99-25, released February 3, 1999. NWC is the licensee of nine (9) FM broadcast stations located throughout the country and has a direct interest in the outcome of the Commission's proposal.

We understand the Commission's desire and applaud the effort to find new ways to broaden the use of available spectrum. You reach a point, however, where you can hurt or damage very seriously what has already been established, as is being pointed out by many in this industry

NWC understands that under the proposal second and third channel interference protections are reduced. This creates no benefit in the FM band, only potential interference problems. Yet, the reduction is the only way to create space for low power FM stations in most major markets. Is this a good idea? It appears to NWC that this approach only increases interference to an already heavily congested FM radio band.

Hopefully, digital signal broadcasts will move ahead in the not too distant future. This service will provide improved clarity and service to the public. The introduction of low power stations would only increase the potential to jeopardize prospects for a smooth, interference-free transition to digital.

The proposed rule making states that ownership of a low power FM station is restricted to one license and that there cannot be other radio interests. Please follow our what if scenario. What if different individuals own stations in four city quadrants, one north, one east, one west, and one south. The four signals theoretically meet in the center of the city. Just suppose these four owners get together and decide to feed the same programming over their stations. Basically, they've covered the market. This goes beyond the intent of the proposal, we know, but it's another question among the many that need to be answered based on a complete record in this proceeding.

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NWC is convinced that low power FM is not the way to go. Please do not allow this proceeding to result in an LPFM service.

Sincerely,



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